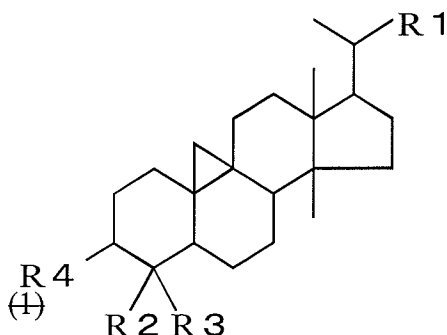


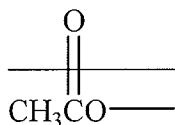
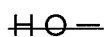
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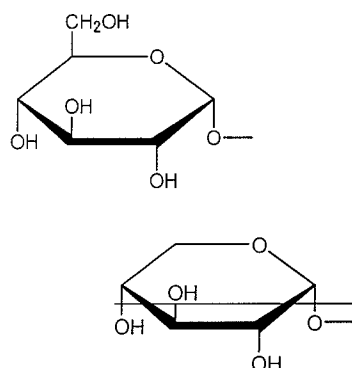
1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A drug for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises an organic solvent extract or hot water extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof as an active ingredient, ~~and comprises 0.001 to 10% by dry mass of a compound represented by the following general formula (1):~~



wherein R¹ represents a straight or branched alkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, which may contain no double bond or 1 or 2 double bonds and may contain no hydroxyl group or carbonyl group or 1 or 2 hydroxyl groups and/or carbonyl groups, R² and R³ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and R⁴ forms C=O with the carbon atom constituting the ring or is a group represented by any one of the following formulas:





wherein the organic solvent extract or hot water extract of the plant or the fraction thereof contains 0.001 to 10% by dry mass of 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol.

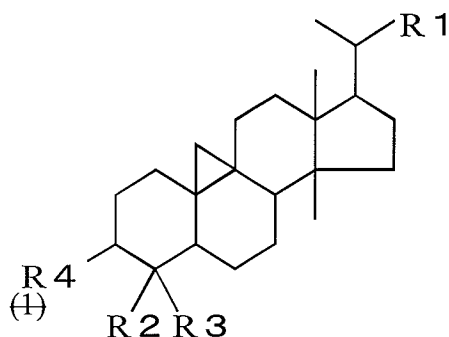
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7. (Currently amended) The drug for improving hyperglycemia according to claim 6~~5~~, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).

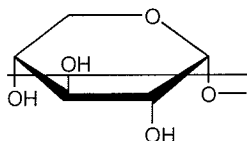
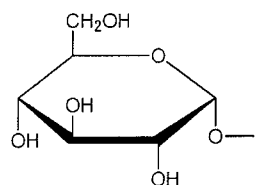
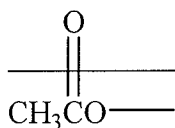
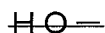
8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) Food or drink for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises an organic solvent extract or hot water extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof as an active ingredient, wherein the organic solvent extract or hot water extract of the plant or the fraction thereof contains 0.001 to 10% by dry mass of 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol.

~~and comprises 0.0001 to 1% by dry mass of a compound represented by the following general formula (1):~~



wherein R1 represents a straight or branched alkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, which may contain no double bond or 1 or 2 double bonds and may contain no hydroxyl group or carbonyl group or 1 or 2 hydroxyl groups and/or carbonyl groups, R2 and R3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and R4 forms C=O with the carbon atom constituting the ring or is a group represented by any one of the following formulas:

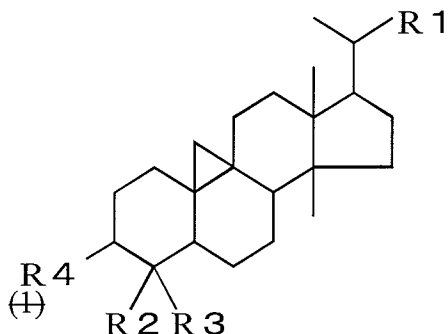


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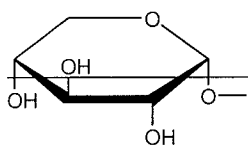
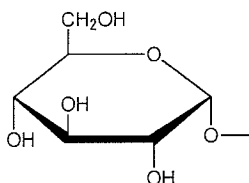
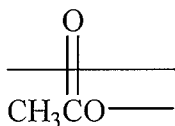
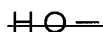
14. (Original) The food or drink for improving hyperglycemia according to claim 1312, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).

15-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol ~~compound represented by the following chemical formula (1) or a composition containing the same~~ to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved:



wherein ~~R1 represents a straight or branched alkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, which may contain no double bond or 1 or 2 double bonds and may contain no hydroxyl group or carbonyl group or 1 or 2 hydroxyl groups and/or carbonyl groups, R2 and R3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and R4 forms C=O with the carbon atom constituting the ring or is a group represented by any one of the following formulas:~~



19. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 18, wherein the composition comprises~~A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering an organic solvent extract or hot water extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof, wherein the organic solvent extract or hot water extract of the plant or the fraction thereof contains 0.001 to 10% by dry mass~~or more of the compound of 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol.~~

20. (New) A method for preparing a drug for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises adding an organic solvent extract or hot water extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof as an active ingredient, wherein the organic solvent extract or hot water extract of the plant or the fraction thereof contains 0.001 to 10% by dry mass of 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).

22. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the organic solvent is ethyl acetate/butanol mixture or chloroform/ methanol mixture.